

# Salvadoran Student Speakson Present Situation

by Frank Sullivan

ONE of many Salvadoran refugees living in this country who have fled the repression and violence of El Salvador, Maria Elena Chankun, a 16-year-old high school student currently living in Brooklyn spoke here recently of the situation in her native El Salvador.

Maria fled with her father and brother after her brother's best friend was arrested by the EL Salvadoran National Guard for his activities in the Christian Community comprised of a group of people who met once a week to study the bible and discuss their problems. Maria's family were members. As the Christian Community and the Church became more political, the government saw it as a threat, and the National Guard began taking away members of the community said Maria.

"Many in the Christian Community were killed—the bodies of two were found on the edge of town, partly decomposing, a while after they were taken by the national guard. My brother's name was on the list (of people to be taken away). Twice the guards came to get us, but they went to the wrong house," she said, continuing. "My name is on the blacklist; I can't go back." Maria's mother, aunts, uncles, and cousins still live in El Salvador; she lives in the U.S. with her father and brother. She communicates with her mother occasionally by phone, but says she can never be sure how she's doing, as her mother can't say too much over the phone.

Maria describes the war in El Salvador as one of "the rich against the poor. The U.S. aids the government, which represents the interests of the poor. Duarte is a puppet, representing whoever has the power, which is the right wing." She adds that "if people in the U.S. realize what's going on, they can help stop U.S. aid to the Salvadoran government. It's important to stop the U.S. government from sending weapons. We need social aid—food, medical aid, people who can teach, rather than guns."

She does not see the prospect of a victory by the guerillas as bad. "If the U.S. stopped the aid to the Salvadoran government, I'm not sure what kind of government would result, but it would be better than the one now." She goes on to say that "people in this country often ask 'if the U.S. stops aid, would the Communists take over?' The only people I have ever seen fighting were peasants and the poor, who were fighting for their rights. I have never seen any Russians or Cubans. But I did see a lot of weapons that said *Made in U.S.A.*"

Speaking before a small group of people in the Spanish House (Lewis House), Maria spoke in Spanish, although she has lived here for 2 years and is fluent in English. Residents of the Spanish House translated for the audience.

Maria, who was part of the Children of War Tour, in which refugee children from countries such as El Salvador, Guatemala, Lebanon, and other war-torn regions, tour the country speaking

of their experiences. She said that many Americans ask her if she's a Communist. She responds, "I don't know what that means; if Communism means to help people out, than yes, I am a Communist."

She said their reply was usually, "no, Communism means to oppress people."

Her response is then, "Oh, in that case, I guess the Salvadoran government is Communist."

Maria also spoke about the situation of women in El Salvador. Women there face two struggles, she says; they fight alongside men against repression, but at the same time they must show the men that they are equal—they must fight against the, as she put it, "machismo mentality."

Although she says she is happy in the United States and enjoys school, Maria adds that "I can never forget what is going on in El Salvador and all of Central America. It is unfair that some people should be made to leave their country just because of what they believe."

## WMNJ's 100 Watt Update

by Scott Wands

ACCORDING to WMNJ General Manager Steve Rogers, the appointment of a new FCC branch manager to this area has added steam to WMNJ's fight to move from 10 to 100 watt status.

Originally filing for such status in December 1983, WMNJ's action has since been blocked by Newark-based jazz station WBGO, which, in May 1984, lodged a formal complaint with the FCC regarding WMNJ's application.

WBGO (88.3), a 7000 watt station, claimed that WMNJ's 100 watt broadcasting (at 88.9) would interfere with the many WBGO listeners living within 1000 feet of WMNJ's antenna. Measurements by Rogers and Technical Director Mike Shavel disclosed that only six homes exist in this area.

On May 31, 1984, Shavel filed a letter on behalf of WMNJ with the FCC demanding a compensatory hearing if the station's application was denied. The FCC then suggested that the two stations reach a compromise agreement.

Last October, WMNJ hired a lawyer and sent a notice to the FCC requiring WBGO (upon FCC notification) to reach an agreement within thirty days or lose their license.

Since then, the new FCC branch manager has deemed WBGO's claim against WMNJ invalid and has honored WMNJ's claim to a compensatory hearing, an expensive process which, Rogers said, both stations would prefer to avoid.

The management of WMNJ is currently awaiting notification by the FCC to WBGO, after which the Newark station will have thirty days to reach an agreement with WMNJ.

Calling WBGO's maneuvers "petty," Rogers said he anticipates action by the FCC before the end of this academic year. Assuming this, he said, agreement should be reached by late June at the latest.

WMNJ's renovations will include the construction of a 100' tower next to Tolley dormitory, and an increase in wattage output from 10 to 100 watts. This increase should widen WMNJ's broadcasting range to over 25 miles, making it a "major medium in radio for the Morris area," according to Rogers.

The management of WMNJ expects to begin construction of the tower with FCC clearance by September 1 of this year.

## Walters Comes To The U.C. In Graff's Wake

by Greg Crawford

ELSIE Graff, former secretary to Student Activities Director Al Green, left the academic world of Drew last February to enter the business world. She is now a legal secretary for Chatham Trust.

Interestingly enough, her replacement, Anne Walters, left the business world last March to return to academics. "I wanted to leave the business world. This was perfect for me," said Walters in a recent interview. In the academic world she wishes to pursue psychology and art. "I'd like to combine the two," she said, adding that her goal is to receive her master's degree.

Before coming to Drew, Walters worked as a contract administrator for BATA Resources, a division of AT&T. There she prepared contracts; a job that involved researching, typing, and filing skills. She received her associate's degree in business administration from Somerset County College.

As Al Green's secretary, she is responsible for interviewing prospective UC desk attendants, assisting current desk attendants, assisting and support-

ing Green, and doing general clerical duties. Noting that she just started on April 1, Walters said, "I'm learning more about my job every day."

Her thoughts on Drew were all positive. "I love it here. And that's an understatement." She commented that previous to her move to Florham Park two years ago, she had moved around a lot. "I've been in a lot of different environments," she said, adding, "everyone here is so helpful. I'm really impressed."

She said that she always wanted to continue her academic pursuits but the opportunity was never as good as when she saw the classified ad for a secretarial position at Drew. "I saw Drew and this was the school I wanted to go to," she said, recalling her first visit here two years ago.

Because Walters has two children currently in college, she said of her position, "I felt that I could relate to the students. I love being around them."

So the business world has lost a contracts administrator but gained a legal secretary while Drew has lost and found a secretary for AL Green. The score is now tied, 1-1.

## Elections

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After the election, Obie spoke mostly about his concern over the computer issue, an important issue to his campaign.

"I'm working on a computer trade-in. I think that the price that the freshmen

are paying for the Epson QX10 is too high compared to what it is going for on the market, especially since it has been discontinued," he said. Obie also called for student participation on any computer negotiating team.

## Election Results

### University Senator

Paul Streiber	135
Forrest Shue	333*
Jen Velez	367*
Joe Stampe	289

### Sophomore Class Senator

Kurt Baker	96*
Chris Kendziora	54
Steve Obie	146*
Victoria Chonbajon	56

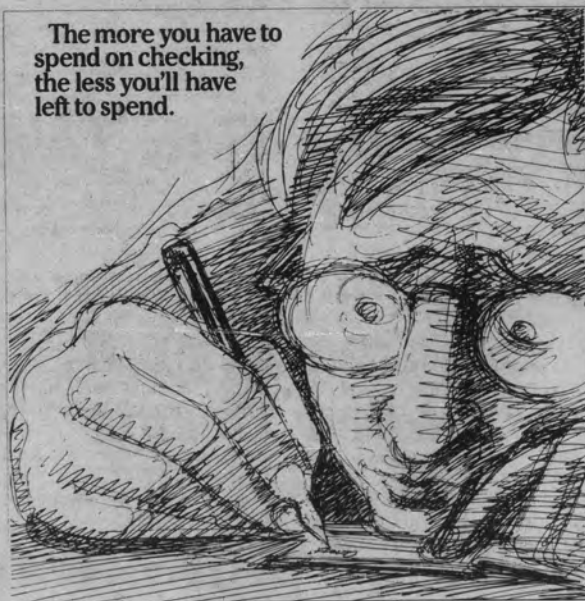
### Senior Class Senator

Ben Mayers	60
Brenda Rhodes	92*
Bob Duffy	148*

### Junior Class Senator

Leola Ross	71
Mary Burke	83*
Gavin Maguire	97*

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